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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 22, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Submitted concurrently herewith are: (a) a Fee Transmittal Sheet accompanied by the appropriate fee; (b) a Version With Markings to Show Changes Made; (c) a Supplementary Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56; (d) Form PTO/SB/08 together with a legible copy of listed reference AN; (e) Submission of Formal Drawings together with Formal Drawings (Figures 1-3); (f) Statement by Attorney for Applicants Regarding Permanence and Availability of Deposited Plasmids; and (g) Exhibit A.

Please amend the specification as follows: